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SUBJECT: SECOND OCTOBER RED FLAG ARTICLE TOUCHES ALL BASES:
HIGHLIGHTS LIN PIAO QUOTATIONS.

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1. AFTER CHIH HENG CATALOGED MAO'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO REVOLUTIONARY THOUGHT IN THE OCTOBER RED FLAG (REFTEL), UNKNOWN WRITER CHI YUNG-HUNG FOLLOWS WITH AN ARTICLE WHICH BLANKETS ALL RANGES OF CHINA'S POLITICAL SPECTRUM. PUBLISHED IN PEOPLE'S DAILY SEPTEMBER 28, THE ARTICLE BEGINS WITH AN APPEAL TO ACHIEVE NEW RECORDS IN PRODUCTION AND TO PUSH AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL EFFORTS. THE ARTICLE THEN PICKS UP MAO MOURNING THEMES OF RALLYING ROUND THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND OBEYING THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE PARTY CENTER. ASIDE FROM THE STRONG PITCH FOR PARTY LEADERSHIP AND THE ADJURATION TO "ACT ACCORDING TO PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN", HOWEVER, THE ARTICLE ALSO FEATURES
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A LONG SECTION REplete WITH EVOCATIVE LANGUAGE REMINISCENT OF

THE RED GUARD ERA. PURSUIT OF THE "TOTTERING FOE", DARING TO "GO AGAINST THE TIDE", AND OTHER MAO BEHESTS ON BOURGEOIS RIGHTS ARE USED TO URGE CONTINUATION OF THE CRITICISM OF TENG HSIAO-PING AND HIS LINE. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH THE OBSERVATION THAT REVOLUTION PROCEEDS BY TWISTS AND TURNS, A PHRASE IDEOLOGUES HAVE TRADITIONALLY USED TO INDICATE THE NEED TO KEEP A LOW PROFILE TO BUCK UP THEIR SPIRITS IN THE FACE OF ADVERSITY.

2. PERHAPS THE MOST UNUSUAL FEATURE OF THE ARTICLE IS THE BLATANT REFERENCE, ALBIET WITH COSMETIC MODIFICATION, TO A QUOTATION DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO THE DISGRACED LIN PIAO. THE QUOTATIONS APPEARED IN LIN'S OWN HAND ON THE FRONT PAGE OF THE DECEMBER 1, 1967 PEOPLE'S DAILY AND WAS SOURCED TO A LIN INSCRIPTION TO NAVY ACTIVITIES ON NOVEMBER 29. THE PHRASE "SAILING THE SEAS DEPENDS ON THE HELMSMAN; MAKING REVOLUTION DEPENDS ON MAO TSE-TUNG THOUGHT" (1129/3189/5311/5887/7237/5305 2087;1631/7245/6730/7237/3029/3419/2639/1835/1927) USED THROUGHOUT THE PERIOD WHEN MAO'S CULT OF PERSONALITY WAS AT ITS HEIGHT. THE QUOTATION IS MODIFIED BY THE INSERTION BETWEEN THE TWO SECTIONS OF AN EQUALLY ADULATORY PASSAGE "THE GROWTH OF EVERYTHING DEPENDS ON THE SUN" (5502/3670/3932/7022/7237/1132/7122) WHICH DOES NOTHING TO DISGUISE THE FACT THAT THE TWO ENDS OF THE STATEMENT WERE LIN PIAO'S WORD. ALTHOUGH THE ARTICLE DOES INCLUDE LIN AMONG THE RECENT ENEMIES OF THE NATION, THE CHINESE PEOPLE WILL SURELY BE PUZZLED WHY THE AUTHOR AND THE PARTY THEORETICAL JOURNAL CHOSE TO ILLUMINATE THE CHAIRMAN WITH TARNISHED GLITTER FROM THE THOUGHTS OF LIN PIAO.

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